

MERCHANTS IN LINE.

One of the best things about the meeting of the Merchants' Association yesterday was its fixity of purpose to do something to help Honolulu. That there is much which can be done, is another gratifying circumstance. Honolulu's case is by no means hopeless, for there are remedies in sight for the worst of its ills. A local steamer to encourage tourists, the purchase at home instead of on the coast of the merchandise consumed by the great plantations; Federal public works as a return for the customs and postoffice money taken from here; employment for useful citizens, such as the Portuguese, so as to prevent their exodus—these are among the remedies proposed and they are all practicable.

A local steamer can be supported, going and coming, by methods quite within the power of our merchants and planters to apply; public spirit is already working upon plantation people to secure preference in buying of home concerns; Federal public works are the due of every important port of the United States and Honolulu is the ninth or tenth on the list, lake ports included, in the volume of customs receipts; as for keeping the Portuguese they are willing to stay if they can get a fair chance at some of the public lands for small farming—out an inexplicable land policy, not above correction, however, stands in the way.

The Advertiser believes that strong committees, working on these matters with zeal and intelligence, can bring Honolulu out all right. There are other things, of course, like the improvement of promotion methods, which may also be dealt with. What is needed is concerted, vigorous, incessant action, by men of the Merchants' Association type. Such men on the coast have handled far worse propositions than Honolulu and brought them through in good shape. They can fix things here.

The other day we published an extract from a trade journal which recommended the Guatemalan ant as a stand-off for the boll weevil. The ant was to be brought to Texas. Now comes Ross Clarke, a Texan planter, who says that he will apply for an injunction to keep the insect out. He says: "To my mind it is dangerous to transfer the South American insect or pest to South Texas. One-half the cotton is picked by negroes, who do not wear enough clothes to make a whole shirt, and the other half by barefooted children. This ant, to be of avail in destroying the weevil, must cover the entire field and any one who has had a few of the native ants sting him will realize that it will be impossible to get the cotton picked."

Delegate Kuhio is right in saying that a man in his official position cannot do much in one term and that usefulness must be gauged by longer service. A delegate or member is a freshman in his first year in Congress, whose chief business is to learn the ropes. If he really undertakes to learn them; if he attends strictly to business and makes himself as useful as he can, obtaining and keeping the personal respect and confidence of his fellow-members, then he is certainly entitled to a re-election. By these tests the claims of the Delegate for re-nomination may be fairly judged. The friends who say he can meet them are framing a good argument for his farther employment.

Delegate Kalaniana'ole has a West Point cadetship to give out and while he can make a personal appointment if he chooses, he could add to his popularity by giving every lad in the Territory a chance, through a competitive test, to win the prize. That is the way the thing is usually done back East. The requirements of West Point are so severe that only a well-grounded student may hope to get through and the best way to find such a youth is in a general examination conducted by a board of teachers.

Dr. Senn suffered a keen disappointment—as this paper said he would at the time—in not getting a chance to control the Japanese Red Cross service. The little brown men in that respect as in all others, want to "run their own machine." The rebuff seems to have clouded Dr. Senn's early optimism as to the assured success of the Japanese in this war.

Mr. Hay's tactful recognition of French claims over Morocco, as made in the Perdicaris note, has brought him the grand cross of the Legion of Honor. Of the six degrees in the great French order, the grand cross is the highest and is the one worn by the President of the French Republic himself.

As the law stands about dual office, holding for legislators, Messrs. Beckley and Crabbe would seem to have no business on the County Commission.

TOMORROW'S PAPER.

The Sunday paper, in its new ten-page form, will be full of good things. Colonel Fitch will tell the story of his visit to Milan—a most readable chapter of travel—and there will be a delightful tale by Elizabeth Jordan called "Love, the Destroyer," a satire on the sentimental schoolgirl. The score of a new musical composition by Kappemeister Berger called "Pedro," with its refrain of "Pedro, Pedro, high low Jack and the Game," will be enjoyed as well as was the "Cable Is Coming" masterpiece by the same composer. There are several other special features not necessary to announce but which will help make the Sunday Advertiser more than ever a favorite of the reading public. Of course society, sports, commercial news, shipping, The Bystander, local and general news, etc., will have their usual presentation and there will be some good pictures as usual for the literary feast.

C. L. Rhodes of the Star staff, in a letter from San Francisco to his paper, tells of improvements he notices in that city as compared with six years ago. He, however, puts San Francisco in the Jaytown class by this criticism of its stovepipe hat brigade: "Nowhere else are there so many men who cling to silk hats of vintage and fashion antedating in many cases the Comstock excitement." As one of the six (6) citizens of Honolulu who expose plug hats to the tropic sun, on other occasions than masonic funerals and forays from the executive chamber to board warships, Mr. Rhodes ought to be a connoisseur of that type of headpiece.

The expedition of Mr. Samuel Alexander and friends into Central Africa in summer, seems to be an extraordinary venture for elderly men. Mr. Thomas Galleit is the first victim and one cannot but fear that the mortality in such a party will be high. Travelling at any time in Central Africa is perilous and though the summer season is perhaps the most salubrious, the effect of fatigue and equatorial heat upon men not used to the country, nor inured to privation, is to be dreaded.

One Florentin Souza, a well known coffee man, has been made consul for the Panama republic at Hilo. Any enterprising man who wants the job for Honolulu must apply at once. The place is not salaried, not has it fees, but the Consul would be privileged to a salute from the first Panama gunboat which enters port and could stand close to the delicatessen table at all State or Consular entertainments. Perhaps, if he were good, he could wear a uniform.

The statement was made at the meeting of the Merchants' Association yesterday that some one had tried to sell corporation exhibits, filed with the Territorial Treasurer, to others in the same line of business. More ought to be heard under this head. It is a civic duty of the firms approached in that way to name the person who made the offer. If he is an official of the Treasury office his job should be taken from him without delay.

Uncle Sam is getting interested in the Listsidit plumage question and may send a revenue cutter to look the property up. The chances are that he will be too late. A schooner from Japan was expected at Listsidit some time ago and one has started from here in that direction. If either makes connections, the revenue vessel will find an empty cache. According to a San Francisco paper the bird skins are worth \$25,000.

"Merrimac" Hobson's speech in the Democratic National Convention increases the regret that he did not stay in the Navy. Like Dewey, Hobson cuts a poor figure as a politician. Every man to his trade and Hobson's is that of a ship-constructor and incidental hero. Alabama, though proud of Hobson on shipboard declined to accept him as a candidate for Congress.

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Trades and Labor.

At last night's meeting of the Honolulu Trades and Labor Council the following officers were elected: President, Thos. Cahalan; vice president, E. F. Dunn; recording secretary, G. A. Crozier; financial secretary and treasurer, F. Sackwitz; sergeant-at-arms, W. P. O'Brien; trustees, J. McGuire, J. Rothwell and M. Hefferan.

He Wanted to Die.

Charles Kekuewa attempted to end his life on School street near the bridge last night by tying a rope around his neck and hanging himself to a fence. He was found by the police and taken to the station. He gave as his reason that his wife had deserted him and that he was despondent.

The band gave a complimentary concert yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. A. P. Carter, mother of the Governor.

IMMIGRATION  
STATION BIDS

Bids for the construction of the new immigration station for which the sum of \$200,000 was recently appropriated by Congress, were opened at the office of Architect Taphagen yesterday at three o'clock. Officials of the customs and immigration departments were in attendance and representatives of the various contractors were interested auditors at the proceedings.

Eleven bids were put in, each accompanied by a certified check. There was considerable irregularity about the bidding. Bids were called for on the whole station with a deduction of the dining room and kitchen were omitted. On the whole station Walter L. Emery was the lowest bidder but his deduction for omission of dining room and kitchen was so small that the A. Harrison Milling Co.'s bid is the lowest on the smaller job. The bids will be forwarded to Washington at once.

Following are the bids, the first figure being the price and time for completion of the whole plan and the second the deduction for the plan minus the dining room and kitchen and time for completion of the reduced plan:

F. Harrison—\$28,789, 7 months; \$1,200, 7 months.  
William T. Parry—\$25,560, 165 working days; \$1600, 165 days.  
American-Hawaiian Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd.—\$24,873, 7 months; \$2200, 6 months.  
Lucas Bros.—\$25,717, 6 months; \$2223, 6 months.  
H. F. Bertleman—\$26,066, 7 months; \$1650, 7 months.  
Walter L. Emery—\$23,950, 157 days; \$800, 157 days.  
J. H. Craig—\$27,000, 6 months; \$2500, 5 months.  
Enterprise Mfg. Co., Ltd.—\$29,850, 6 months; \$2094, 5 months.  
A. Harrison Mill Co., Ltd.—\$23,990, 5 months; \$2527, 5 months.  
John Ouderkerk—\$28,733, 5 months; \$2400, 5 months.  
Henry H. K. DeFries—\$26,211, 7 1-2 months; \$1496, 6 1-2 months.

Rebekahs Install Officers.

The following officers were installed in Pacific Rebekah Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., last Thursday evening and will serve for the ensuing six months: N. G., Sis. Jennie Jacobsen; V. G., Sis. Hannah Smith; Sec., Sis. Margaret Moore; Treas., Sis. Elaine Clark; P. N. G., Chaplain, Sis. Alice Pratt; Conductor, Sis. Florence Lee; Warden, Sis. Lillie Dunn; R. S. N. G., Sis. Clara Peterie; P. N. G., L. S. N. G., Sis. Mable Lee; R. S. V. G., Sis. Elsie Bailey; S. S. V. G., Sis. Grace Coburn; I. G., Bro. Paul Smith; O. G., Bro. Ben Lee; P. N. G., Sis. Aimee I. Gribble.

After the installation P. N. G. Sister Gribble was presented with a handsome jewel emblem of the order and many pretty floral tributes, after which refreshments were served. Harmony Hall, where the exercises were held, was very prettily decorated with ferns and golden shower.

Last Night's Arrests.

One, Kennedy, for vagrancy, was brought into the police station last night and locked up. One drunk was the only other capture.

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